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1. A pressure sensitive adhesive composition comprising a rubbery continuous phase with a discontinuous phase distributed therein, characterised in that the discontinuous phase comprises a cyclodextrin in an amount of 0.1 to 65 wt %, based on the total composition and also comprises a hydrocolloid other than cyclodextrin.
 2. An adhesive composition according to claim 1 wherein the cyclodextrin is present in an amount of at least 5 wt % based on the total composition.
 3. An adhesive composition according to claim 2 wherein the cyclodextrin is present in an amount of at least 10 wt % based on the total composition.
 4. An adhesive composition according to any preceding claim wherein the continuous phase comprises up to 50 wt.% of polyisobutylene as a major component.
 5. An adhesive composition according to any preceding claim wherein the continuous phase contains up to 15 wt.% of a rubbery copolymer of styrene or a substituted styrene as a major component.
 6. A pressure sensitive adhesive composition comprising an aqueous hydrogel, characterised in that the adhesive also contains a cyclodextrin in an amount of 0.1 to 65 wt %, based on the total composition.
 7. An adhesive composition according to any preceding claim which additionally contains an active ingredient.

8. An adhesive composition according to claim 7 wherein the active ingredient is complexed with the cyclodextrin.

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9. An adhesive composition according to claim 7 or 8 wherein the active ingredient is selected from hydroquinone, menthol, salicylic acid, antibacterial agents, antifungal agents, essential oils and fragrances.

10. A medical or surgical appliance comprising a substrate on which is formed a layer of a pressure-sensitive adhesive composition according to any preceding claim.

11. An appliance according to claim 10 in the form of a wound dressing.

12. An appliance according to claim 10 which comprises a skin barrier.

13. An appliance according to claim 12 in the form of an ostomy appliance.

14. An appliance according to claim 12 in the form of a transdermal delivery patch for an active ingredient.

15. An appliance according to any one of claims 10 to 14 wherein the substrate includes a backing comprising non-adhesive waterproof film.

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